

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete all prior lists of claims in the application and insert the following list of claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage system for storage of a biological sample for analysis, said system comprising:

a filter paper card for retaining the biological sample, said card having an upper face and a lower face;

a platform having an upper surface, a lower surface and a recess through said upper and lower surfaces, said recess being configured to allow access to both faces of said card when said card is in said platform; and

a container including a compartment adapted to receive said platform, said platform being configured to be only partially withdrawn from said container.[.].]

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage system of claim 1, further comprising a testing apparatus having mechanical extensions for withdrawing said platform from said container.

3. (CANCELLED)

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage system of claim 1, wherein said platform is adapted to be lockably secured in place within the container.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage system of claim 1, further comprising a closure for sealing said compartment and a locking mechanism wherein the closure is manually inoperable after locking.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The storage system of claim 1, further comprising an identifier located inside the container for identifying the sample, said identifier being visible when viewed from outside said container.